Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care

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Question

Fee increases as a result of the NQF

CHAIR: What was the expected fee increase for families as a result of the NQF? Ms Wilson: I am not sure if that modelling was done.

Mr Cook: We will probably have to take that on notice.

CHAIR: Was there any modelling done on the expected fee increase, Ms Wilson? Mr Cook: I understand there was a regulatory impact statement done as part of that process, and we can get that information to you fairly quickly I think.

Answer

The estimated additional out of pocket costs to families upon the introduction of the National Quality Framework (NQF) were based on modelling by Access Economics (2009) and published in the NQF Regulation Impact Statement (Table 6–11, page 47).

The Regulation Impact Statement can be found at www.coag.gov.au/node/202.